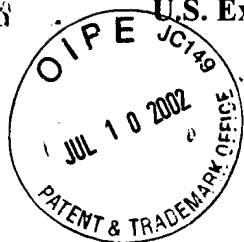


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BASIN FILTRATION SYSTEM

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED JUNE 10, 2002

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This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated **June 10, 2002**, having a shortened statutory period for response that expires on July 10, 2002 (today). Claims 1-30 are pending in the application. Claims 1-30 have been subjected to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121. Restriction to one of the following inventions has been required:

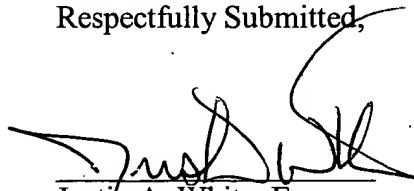
- I. Claims 1-14 and 27, drawn to the subcombination of a filter body, filter body support, initial high flow bypass, and secondary high flow bypass, classified in class 405, subclass 127.
- II. Claims 15-20, drawn to a filter body, filter body support, connectors, and deflector ring, classified in class 405, subclass 40.
- III. Claims 21-24, drawn to a filter body, filter body support, connectors, and baffle, classified in class 405, subclass 37.
- IV. Claims 25-26, drawn to a filter body, filter body support, and adjustable support brackets, classified in class 405, subclass 39.
- V. Claims 28-30, drawn to a filter body, filter body support, and connectors, classified in class 405, subclass 36.

The Restriction Requirement states that each pairing of each of Inventions I, II, III, IV and V with respect to every other Invention are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination.

In response to the imposed Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute claims 1-14 and 27, *i.e.*, the claims to Invention I.

It is believed that no fee is due at this time. Should any fee be required for any reason related to this document, however, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge said fee to Deposit Account No. 08-3038, referencing Docket No. 11533.0012.CPUS04. The Examiner is hereby respectfully invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number listed below with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to this application.

Respectfully Submitted,

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